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Reports on the Koilkuntla shooting affair.

*683 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state, with reference to the reports of the District Magistrate of Kurnool and the Deputy Magistrate of Kurnool on the Koilkuntla shooting affair, the incident that occurred on the 5th July last in the matter of Jayaram and others of the Bijinivemula Mandiram,—

(a) what action the Government have taken or propose to take; and

(b) whether they have appointed or propose to appoint an outside tribunal to inquire into the incident and report to the Government?

A.—(a) The Government have not taken any action; they are awaiting the final disposal in the courts of the cases arising out of the incident.

(b) The Government have not appointed an outside tribunal and have not considered any such proposal.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know with reference to the answer to clause (b), whether the Government have not appointed an outside tribunal merely because the matter has not arisen? The Government has said in answer to (a) that they are awaiting the final disposal in the courts of the cases arising out of the incident. In (b) they say: The Government have not appointed an outside tribunal and have not considered any such proposal. Is this answer given because I have asked the question or is it the decision of the Government not to appoint such a tribunal?"

The hon. Mr. A. Y. G. Campbell:—"The Government refrained from deciding whether an enquiry should be made and if so by whom until the cases arising out of it had been closed in the courts. The Sessions Court has now passed its judgment in appeal and the question what further action should be taken is now under the consideration of the Government."

Koilkuntla shooting incident.

*684 Q.—Mr. K. Koti Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state with regard to the Koilkuntla shooting incident—

(a) whether complaints have been received that the Police have gone beyond what is demanded by the necessities of the case; and

(b) whether he will appoint a mixed committee of officials and non-officials to investigate into the matter and report to the Government?

A.—(a) No.

(b) The Government are aware of no present necessity for this course.

Statement regarding the Koilkuntla shooting incident.

*685 Q.—Mr. B. Ramachandra Reddi: Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to make a statement regarding the shooting at Koilkuntla with special reference to the following:—

(a) whether it is a fact that the shooting was done by only one police constable; if so, how he got at the ammunition;